Washington, DC – Congressman Bruce Braley (D-lowa) toured flood damage today in Olin and Oxford Junction. After visiting more than a dozen communities damaged by last week's floods, Braley secured \$20 million in flood recovery funds for the Midwest in the Transportation Appropriations bill.

"After last week's severe flooding, Iowans displayed inspiring strength," Braley said. "Many communities are already taking steps to recovery, and I am committed to helping in any way I can. The funding I secured last week will hopefully provide critical aid in the rebuilding process. My heart goes out to families who lost their homes or businesses. By working together, I am confident that Iowa will once again impress the nation with a full and successful recovery."

Last Thursday, Braley offered an amendment that provides a \$20 million increase in Community Development Block Grant funding to assist communities in the Midwest affected by the flooding. This funding will be offset by decreasing funds for non-personnel expenses within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

<u>Watch Braley's floor speech here</u>, and visit his website for updates on flood recovery efforts at http://Braley.house.gov/disasterrelief